

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, State employees are a very valuable resource to the state of South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Everyday in South Dakota, state employees carry out countless and diverse responsibilities which make a difference in the well-being and quality of life for all citizens of South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota's state employees perform their jobs daily with professionalism, efficiency, integrity, and commitment making government services accessible and responsive to the needs of our citizens; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota's state employees are part of a larger community who continually answer the call for help with inspiring generosity and kindness. Their selfless acts and dedication are worthy of praise and recognition; and,

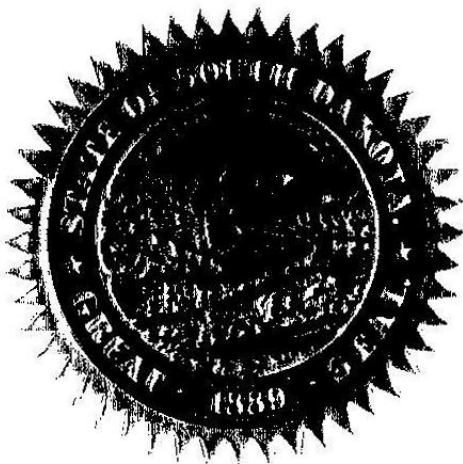
*Whereas*, State employees play an even more important role during challenging economic times by making sure our citizens receive assistance when they need it most, helping to get the economy back on track, and continually seeking ways to stretch taxpayer dollars; and,

*Whereas*, The 2009 observance of South Dakota State Employee Recognition Day provides a time to express our appreciation and gratitude to all state employees who work in partnership to make South Dakota an even better place to live, work, and visit:

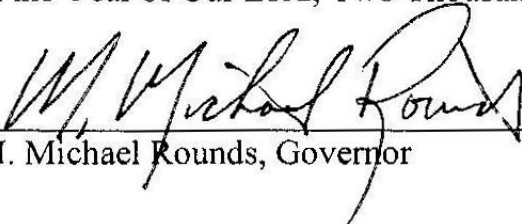
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2009, as

*STATE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DAY*

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to notice and appreciate the contributions of South Dakota's state employees.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State